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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**770 L Street, Room 1160
Sacramento, CA**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 24, 2011**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Michele Burton, M.P.H.
Daniel Eaton
Diane Griffiths
Marvin Kropke
Vicki Marti

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**CMAC STAFF PRESENT**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director
Tacia Carroll
Paul Cerles
Nathan Davis
Denise DeTrano
Keith Farley
Dana Griggs
Katie Knudson
Marilyn Nishikawa
Becky Swol
Mike Tagupa
Karen Thalhammer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Sanchez, Department of Health Care Services
Robert Nelson, Department of Finance

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT**I. Call to Order**

The March 24, 2011 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Eaton. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The February 10, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

III. Executive Director's Report

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director, informed the Commissioners that the Legislature has passed a number of budget bills to reduce \$14 billion from the \$26 billion estimated deficit. He mentioned that today the Governor will hold a press conference at 1pm to sign those bills. At this time, ongoing discussions continue regarding the other components of the Governor's budget proposals. He said that CMAC's ex-officio members would provide additional information.

Mr. Berger noted that since the last Commission meeting, the court had issued a preliminary injunction of the implementation of the hospital rate freeze. However, the legal process has not yet reached its final resolution, therefore CMAC still is unable to enter into rate negotiations. Again, he indicated that the ex-officio members would provide any additional information they might have regarding the rate freeze.

Mr. Berger announced that CMAC continues to be actively engaged in moving forward on the negotiation of Private Hospital Supplement Fund and Non-designated Public Hospital Supplemental Fund amendments. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has completed work on the final Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) list and CMAC will be able to start moving forward with amendments that can be brought before the Commission for review and action by next month.

Mr. Berger noted to the Commissioners they have been provided with a draft schedule of the proposed CMAC meeting dates for FY 2011-12. He had asked at the last CMAC meeting that the Commissioners please review the proposed dates, and let the CMAC staff know if there are any questions, concerns, or conflicts with those dates. Since no concerns or issues were raised, a final schedule was prepared and will be distributed as the official CMAC FY 2011-12 schedule unless any Commissioner had concerns at today's meeting. The commission had no concerns. Mr. Berger noted, as always, if a situation occurs during the year, upcoming meeting dates can be changed based on action by the Commissioners.

[A copy of the schedule is attached]

IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

Richard Sanchez (DHCS) reported to CMAC that DHCS has completed work on and expects to publish the final DSH list on the website, once it has received final approval. He also noted that the hospital quality assurance fee to extend the Round 5, pay date is scheduled for between April 8 and 15. Currently, legislation is being drafted to extend the quality assurance fee. Mr. Berger asked if that would be for the next 6 months or 18 months. Mr. Sanchez responded he was not sure but will attain the information for him.

V. Department of Finance (DOF) Report

Robert Nelson, DOF, reported to CMAC that there were no changes to the General Fund reduction of \$2.8 billion in the Medi-Cal budget. He said that due to the redirection of Proposition 10 Funds, a shift of \$1 billion to the General Fund is being used to offset the costs of providing Medi-Cal services for children through the age of five. He also noted that there were changes to the Governor's budget proposal regarding Adult Day Health Care; it was estimated at \$192 million, and has since been revised to \$91.6 million. This proposal will provide transition assistance, and create a new waiver program to target services to beneficiaries at the greatest risk of institutionalization. Mr. Nelson reported a hard cap on Physician Services of ten visits per year was changed to a soft cap of seven visits. Physicians would be required to certify the need for additional service above seven. The budget also includes the assumption of a Hospital fee extension of six-months through June 30, 2011.

VI. Public Comments/Adjournment

There being no public comments, Commissioner Eaton recessed the open session. Commissioner Eaton opened the closed session, and after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. The open session was then adjourned.

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Commission Meeting Dates

July 2011 – June 2012

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Location</u>
14 - July - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
28 - July - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
11 - Aug - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
25 - Aug - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
08 - Sept - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
22 - Sept - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
06 - Oct - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
20 - Oct - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
03 - Nov - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
17 - Nov - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
08 - Dec - 11	Thursday	Sacramento
05 - Jan - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
26 - Jan - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
09 - Feb - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
23 - Feb - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
08 - Mar - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
22 - Mar - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
05 - Apr - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
19 - Apr - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
03 - May - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
17 - May - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
07 - June - 12	Thursday	Sacramento
21 - June - 12	Thursday	Sacramento